CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ECONOMIC INCENTIVES



FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ)

Program Description:

San Antonio is home to Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 80, with the designation of ten General Purpose Sites and four SubZones. Businesses can locate at existing sites or apply for designation as a new FTZ SubZone to take advantage of the incentives offered within an FTZ to include: (1) relief from inverted tariffs; (2) duty exemption on re-exports; (3) duty elimination on waste, scrap, and yield loss; and (4) duty deferral until merchandise is imported from the FTZ into the United States. FTZs, therefore, offer businesses a way to mitigate the costs associated with trade and allow the United States economy to enjoy relatively greater benefits from its free trade initiatives. Furthermore, FTZs allow commercial merchandise to receive the same customs' treatment it would if it were outside the commerce of the United States.

If your company is importing and/or exporting goods or materials, FTZs can significantly cut business costs and improve return-on-investment and cash flow. Domestic and foreign goods can be placed in the FTZ without formal U.S. Customs entry and pay no customs duties or government excise taxes until your final product enters the U.S. market at which point duty is paid on either the product itself or its component parts, whichever is lower.

Merchandise admitted into the FTZ can be:

Stored	Exhibited
Assembled	Repaired
Manufactured	Sampled
Salvaged	Relabeled
Mixed	Repackaged
Processed	Tested
Manipulated	Destroyed

Program Eligibility Criteria:

□ To receive FTZ benefits, a company must locate within any of the City's existing ten General Purpose FTZ sites. If our General Purpose sites do not suit your company's needs, the Economic Development Department will help you obtain FTZ sub-zone designation (See attached FTZ map).

How to Apply:

For additional information or to apply, please contact Ms. Carmelina Rocha Davis, Sr. Economic Development Specialist, City of San Antonio, or Ms. Sara S. Sanchez, International Trade Development Director, Free Trade Alliance San Antonio, at (210) 207-6529 or (210) 229-9036, ext. 26, respectively. FTZ site: www.saftz.com.

